

and that the whole of the money was restored. Each now began to form conjectures upon the circumstance; but the most prevailing opinion was, that the Egyptians had contrived this, that they might find occasion against them, to destroy them. These thoughts increased their torments, and made their journey homewards completely wretched.

With hearts oppress'd with guilt and woe,
To Canaan's distant land they go;
Their brother left, confin'd in chains;
Themselves sustain severer pains;
And, in the tidings which they bear,
Increase an aged parent's care.
The life, their food design'd to save,
Their news draws nearer to the grave.

And now, we may suppose, they have reached their father's house. But O, when good old Jacob had heard the doleful tidings of their rough

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